

"This is an evergreen plant and an interesting one. It has very attractive deep-green leaves 1 to 2 feet long and 1½ to 2 inches wide." (*Proschowsky*.)

46299. ALECTRYON SUBCINEREUM (A. Gray) Radlk. Sapindaceæ.
(*Nephelium leiocarpum* F. Muell.)

From Nice, France. Presented by Dr. A. Robertson Proschowsky. Received June 28, 1918.

"Seeds from a young tree in my garden. It is the first time this species has flowered. The seeds are surrounded by a juicy, red-colored aril which is edible and of a pleasant sweet taste, only it is very small. If my young tree should flower again and produce seed, I shall, of course, be pleased to send more. It is an ornamental plant, like so many tropical evergreens, and absolutely hardy here. As I stated in my former letter, it may serve eventually as stock on which to graft *Nephelium longanum* or *Litchi chinensis*." (*Proschowsky*.)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 44520.

46300. ATTALEA sp. Phœnicaceæ. Coquito palm.

From the City of Mexico, Mexico. Presented by Mr. A. L. Herrera. Received June 5, 1918.

"An undescribed species, closely related to the cohune or corozo palm (*Attalea cohune*) of the Caribbean coast region of Central America; it differs from the cohune palm in the smaller and more rounded fruits and the thinner and more brittle shell of the seed. The seed contains a single kernel, smaller than that of the cohune palm. The kernels contain a high percentage of oil, said to be the equal of coconut oil, and suitable for the manufacture of similar products. The palm is said to grow in great abundance in the vicinity of Mazatlan, Sinaloa. The kernels are exported in considerable quantities from Mazatlan to Pacific ports of the United States for oil extraction." (*C. B. Doyle*.)

46301. ACROCOMIA TOTAL Mart. Phœnicaceæ. Palm.

From Asuncion, Paraguay. Presented by Mr. Henry H. Balch, American consul. Received June 19, 1918.

A small palm, rarely over 1 meter (39 inches) in height, with fruit clustered at the base.

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 45483.

46302. RICINUS COMMUNIS L. Euphorbiaceæ. Castor-bean.

From Asuncion, Paraguay. Presented by Mr. Henry H. Balch, American consul. Received June 19, 1918.

Large black seed with a few light-gray markings. Introduced for experiments to determine the oil content of different varieties of castor-beans.